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FROM AMBASSADOR EASUM

E.O. 11652; GDS

TAGS: FBOR, ET, SO, OAU, NI

SUBJECT: NIGERIAN OAU MEDIATION OF THE HORN CONFLICT

REF: STATE 096876 TOSEC 040054

1. I RAISED REFTTEL'S CONCERNS THIS MORNING WITH GARBA. I NOTED OUR CONCERN OVER CONTINUING WSLF INSURGENT ACTIVITY IN THE OGADEN AND INDICATIONS OF PLANNED ETHIOPIAN ATTACKS ON SOMALI TERRITORY. GARBA LISTENED WITHOUT COMMENT.

2. AFTER EXPRESSING AMUSED PUZZLEMENT AT A REPORT HE HAD RECEIVED TO EFFECT THAT SIAD BARRE WAS NOW INCHINA ("HE'S LIKE A CHAMELEON"), GARBA SAID HIS PROPOSED VISIT TO THE TWO CAPITALS WAS A LAST DITCH SHOT AFTER WHICH HE WOULD MAKE A REPORT TO THE UPCOMING OAU SUMMIT IN KHARTOUM. HE WOULD BE OBLIGED TO REPORT DISAPPOINTING RESULTS IN THE FACE OF RECALCITRANCE FROM BOTH

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PARTIES TO THE DISPUTE.

3. COMMENT: GARBA IS OBVIOUSLY UPSET BY HIS INABILITY TO PULL THIS ONE OFF. HE SAYS HE IS DISPLEASED WITH THE SUPPORT HE HAS RECEIVED FROM HIS EIGHT MEMBER COMMISSION BUT RECOGNIZES HE CANNOT CONTINUE TO EXPECT THEM TO MAINTAIN AN INTEREST IN SUCH A SPUTTERING AND INEFFECTUAL ENDEAVOR. NOR IS THERE MUCH

EVIDENCE THAT HE EVER EFFECTIVELY ENLISTED THEIR COLLABORATION
IN TERMS OF STAFF WORK, CONTACTS, INTERCESSIONS, ETC. HE MADE
IT A ONE MAN SHOW. HE WOULD LIKE NOW TO CLOSE IT DOWN.
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